Information relating to 1996 is not available.

(b) The measures taken by the Government to provide facilities for budget tourists include central financial assistance to the State Government for the construction of Yatri Niwas, Yatrikas and wayside facilities etc.

**Producers' Dues to Doordarshan**

1546. PROF. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan owes Rs. 10 crores to the producers of its programmes;

(b) if so, what action Government are taking to meet this liability;

(c) whether it is also a fact that DD III has requested an allocation of Rs. 15 crores for programming in the new software budget; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir. Doordarshan owes more than Rs. 10 crores to the producers of its programmes.

(b) Payments due to individual producers are being made at present by Doordarshan within the ceilings voted in the interim budget for 1996-97.

(c) and (d) A budgetary provision of Rs. 15 crores has been projected during 1996-97 for meeting the cost of any fresh commissioning of programmes for the DD-III Channel.

**World Bank Assistance for Referral Health Services**

1547. DR. D. MASTAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 1,650 crores first level referral health services scheme for the country is being assisted by World Bank; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An agreement for the Second health systems Development Project covering the states of Karnataka, Punjab and West Bengal has been signed with World Bank on 18.4.1996 for an International development Agency assistance (Loan) of Rs. 16,691.4 million (US$ 350 million equivalent) for achieving *interalia)*:—

(i) Managerial Development and Institutional strengthening.

(ii) Improving Service, Quality, access and effectiveness at the first referral level.

(iii) Improving access to Primary Health Care in remote and underdeveloped areas of these States.

**बिहार द्वारा मांगी गई वित्तीय सहायता**

1548. श्री नागमणि: क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान बिहार सरकार द्वारा कुल कितनी अतिरिक्त वित्तीय सहायता के लिए अनुरोध किया गया है;

(ख) केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा वर्ष-वार और आबंटन किया गया;

(ग) प्रत्येक मामले में मांगी गई पूर्ण सहायता नहीं दिए जाने के क्या कारण हैं;

(घ) क्या चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान मांगी गई अतिरिक्त सहायता दे दी गई है;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(च) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

वित्त मंत्री तथा कम्पनी कार्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम): (क) से (च) राज्यों की द्वारा दिया जाता है, जिन्हें राज्यों के निजी संसाधनों, केन्द्रीयकृत रूप से आबंटित संसाधनों जैसे मार्केट उधार, परास्परिक बातचीत से तय किए ऋण और केन्द्रीय सहायता द्वारा वित्त पोषित